

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

STATISTICAL REPORT

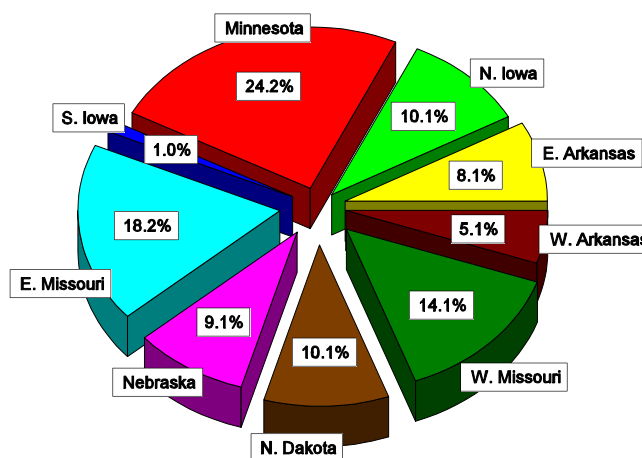
JANUARY 1, 2003 thru DECEMBER 31, 2003

New Case Filings

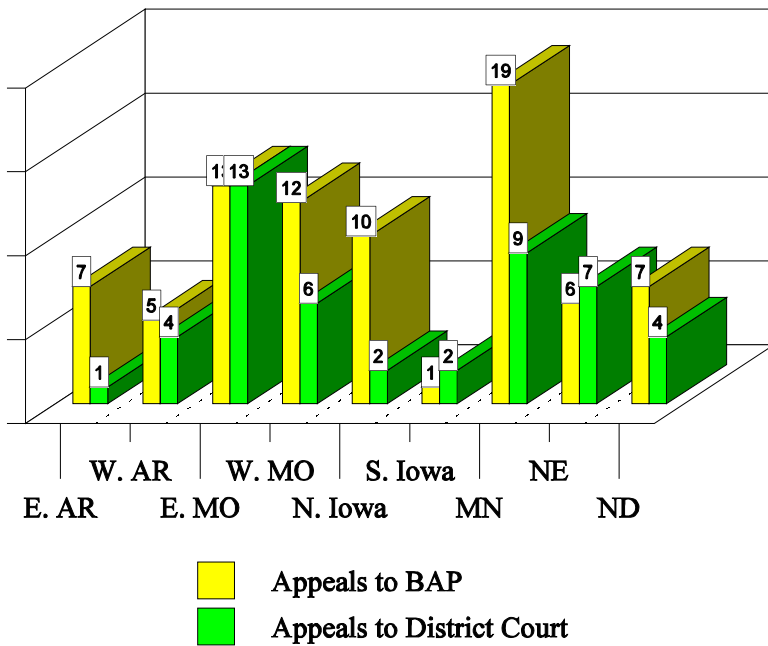
In 2003, ninety-eight cases were docketed by the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Twenty-six of those cases (26%) were filed by pro se litigants. Of the cases filed, sixty-four were appeals from contested matters and thirty-four were appeals from adversary proceedings. The graphics below illustrate the breakdown of case origin by district.

New Cases

Eastern Arkansas	7
Western Arkansas	5
Northern Iowa	10
Southern Iowa	1
Minnesota	24
Eastern Missouri	18
Western Missouri	14
Nebraska	9
North Dakota	10
TOTAL	98



District Court Elections

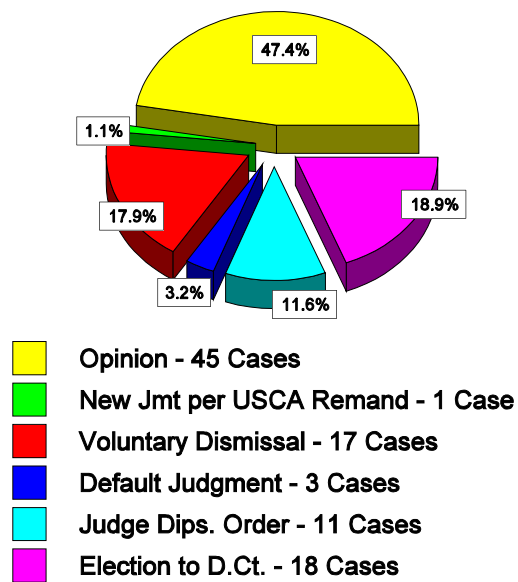


The chart to the left compares the number of appeals taken to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel with those taken to the District Courts. In 2003, one hundred twenty-eight appeals were taken from the Bankruptcy Courts. Eighty of those cases (62.5%) were appealed to and remained with the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel; forty-eight of the cases (37.5%) were appealed directly to or were transferred to the District Courts.

Case Processing Time

In 2003, Administrative Panel matters were resolved, on average, in nine days. Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases which were briefed, submitted on the merits and subsequently closed in 2003.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total Processing Time
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	
Cases Submitted w/Argument	73 days 2.4 months	72 days 2.4 months	27 days .9 month	172 days 5.7 months
Cases Submitted w/o Argument	85 days 2.8 months	14 days .5 months	23 days .8 months	122 days 4.1 months
All Cases	77 days 2.5 months	52 days 1.7 months	26 days .8 months	155 days 5 months

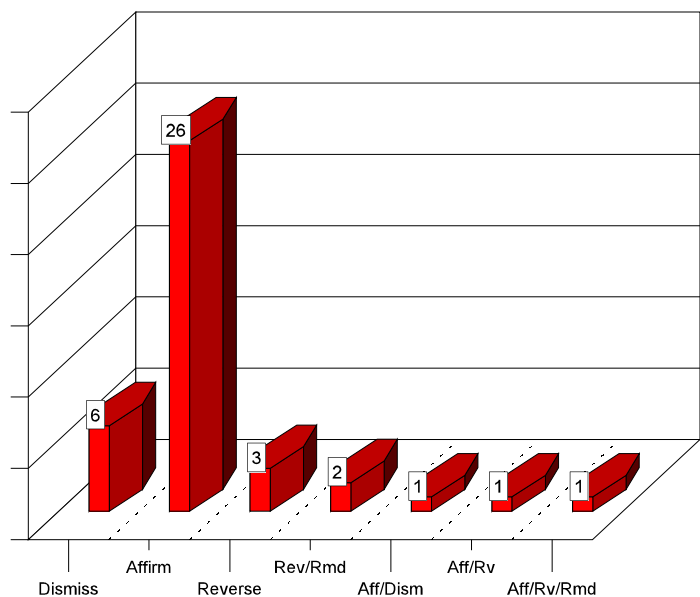


Case Dispositions

Ninety-four cases were closed in 2003. In addition, one previously-closed case was re-opened and an opinion was entered pursuant to a remand order from the 8th Circuit Court. The court wrote a total of forty opinions which disposed of forty-six cases. In addition, eleven dispositive orders were entered at the direction of the court. To the left is a breakdown of the method by which each case was closed.

Opinion Breakdown

The chart to the right breaks down each opinion by its outcome. As shown in the chart, the majority of opinions (80%) either affirmed the Bankruptcy Court decision or dismissed the appeal.



Panel Referrals

In 2003, twenty-one referrals were made to Administrative Panels; three of those cases were subsequently referred back to the panel, resulting in a total of twenty-four Administrative Panel referrals. Thirteen cases were submitted to panels without oral argument and twenty-eight cases were submitted with oral argument in 2003. Hearings were held in St. Paul, St. Louis, Kansas City, Little Rock, Omaha, Fargo and Cedar Rapids. In addition, a hearing was held by video-conference between Kansas City and Des Moines.

Appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals

A total of twenty-eight appeals were taken to the U.S. Court of Appeals in bankruptcy cases in 2003. Of those appeals, thirteen (46%) were from District Court decisions and fifteen (54%) were from Bankruptcy Appellate Panel decisions.

In addition to the fifteen notices of appeal taken from the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel to the Court of Appeals this year, twelve cases were pending before the Court of Appeals at the beginning of the year. Eighteen cases were closed by the Court of Appeals during the last year, leaving a total of nine cases pending at the close of 2003. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases appealed to the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed	13
Voluntarily Dismissed	2
Dismissed	1
Remanded	1
Dismissed/Affirmed	1